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PAPER COMPRISING AN EMBOSSED PATTERN, METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND

CLOTH FOR MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 27, 2002

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows, and the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.

A petition for a three-month extension of the response period, a request for continued examination, and the requisite fees therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.